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	Examiner: Yong Soo Chong Group Art Unit: 1647

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Following the filing of a substitute power of attorney and a status inquiry, on May 18, 2005, counsel for the applicant and the Examiner assigned to this application have telephonically conferred about the pending application. Pursuant to Section MPEP 713.04, to the extent applicable, Applicant states that the substance of the discussions concerned an identification of the claims that are subject to the Examination. It was concluded and agreed that there were seven claims presently before the Examiner as a result of the original filing and a preliminary amendment. On May 19, 2005, the Examiner also indicated that Applicant could file a second preliminary amendment prior to the initial examination to more clearly specify the claims. Accordingly, prior to examination, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks for the above-captioned patent application, wherein claims 1-7 herein are intended to be the seven claims which the Examiner and Applicant's counsel agree were pending.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 8-20 have been added to more fully define the scope of the applicant's invention. Support for these new claims can be found in, for example, paragraphs 15 through 37. Accordingly, these new claims do not add any new matter to the application. Examination of these claims with the previously submitted claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at (213) 689-5148 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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